Model Railway stations

519. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of model stations on South Central Railways Divisions;

(b) whether there is any Railway Station on MG-line amongst these stations; and

(c) what is the total amount being spent on Model Stations on South Central Railway Divisions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) There are five model stations in South Central Railway Divisions.

(b) Yes, Sir. Names of model stations on M. G. line are Nanded and Bellary. Another model station viz. Tirupati Junction is connected both by BG as well as MG.

(c) So far model station scheme for two stations have been finalised. The anticipated cost for these are as under:—

Tirupati	Rs. 118.19 lacs.
Bellary	Rs. 93.60 lacs.

Recession in shipping Industry

520. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Indian Shipping Industry continues to suffer from a prolonged recession and, if so, what are the broad details of the adverse effects in terms of financial losses, closure of companies, fall in national tonnage, slackness in production of different shipyards; and

(b) what are the various steps taken and envisaged by the Government to overcome the difficulties being encountered in each one of the above fields?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Indian Shipping Industry has also suffered from prolonged world wide recession resulting in financial losses to the companies. While some of the small companies not having strong enough equity base have gone into liquidation, some other better managed and stronger companies have survived and some have even made profits. While the national tonnage has declined from the level of 6 31 M.GRT as on 31.3.1985 to nearly 5.5 M.GRT at present, this has been mainly due to increased scrapping of old and obsolete tonnage with a view to modernise Indian fleet. The production in Indian Shipyards has not been unduly adversely affected by recession, though order book position has suffered to a certain extent.

(b) The Government through the Shipping Credit and Investment Company of India is approving the rehabilitation of those shipping companies which are considered to be viable in the long run by providing moratorium on repayment of loans converting part of loans into zero based bonds etc. Government has also set up a new Committee, 'Ship Acquisition and Licensing Committee' to ensure speedy issue of licenses for acquisition of tonnage by shipping industry. Besides, through the pari-passu policy, Government is trying to ensure that the Indian Shipyards do not suffer for want of orders. By havings direct interaction with the shipping industry through the High Level Inter-Ministerial Committee, Government is trying to help the industry in different ways, as far as possible.

Trans World Airlines

521. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that T.W.A. has suspended its service to and from Bombay; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes Sir. T.W.A. has suspended opeations to Bombay w.e.f. 25.10.87.

(b) The reasons for its suspension of operation to and from India have not been intimated by TWA. Operation of an air service to a particular point depends primarily on the commercial judgement of the airline.

Microwave communication in M.P. and U. P.

522. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to link the dacoity infested villages of Madhya Pradesh and adjoining Uttar Pradesh with district headquarters through Microwave Communication;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) There is no proposal to connect the dacoity infested villages of any State to their District Headquarters by Microwave at present. The reliable media is being provided only upto the level of District Headquarters during the 7th Plan period.

Manufacture of Indigenous Electric Locomotive

523. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government propose to import Electric Locomoive from foreign countries;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons for shortfall in the indigenous manufacture of Electric Locomotives in India; and

(d) How do Government propose to boost up indigenous manufacture of electric locomotives to meet the shortfall?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A global tender for import of 40 Nos. of 3 phase drive locomotives of 6000 horse power with the state of the art technology has been floated.

(c) As electrification is an ongoing process, temporary marginal shortfall between requirement of electric locomotives and indigenous manufacture may arise.

(d) The capacity of manufacture of electric locomotives at Chittaranjan Locomotive Works is being increased from 60 to 100 locomotives per year, and procurement of 80 to 100 electric locomotives is also being arranged from M/s. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited.

Death of babies due to malnutrition

524. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 7th October, 1987 under the capition "10 million babies die of malnutrition";

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what steps Government have taken so far or propose to take to save babies from malnutrition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir. The reported deaths due to malnutrition are for the 3rd World countries as a whole and not for India only.

(b) Government views the problem of mal-nutrition with concern and are implementing programmes to overcome it.

(c) Steps taken by Government include Programmes of Prophylaxis against Nutritional Anaemia among children, Prophylaxis against blindness due to Vitamin A deficiency, Goitre Control Programme,